



COYOTE LOG

Coyote Open tees off

By Tech. Sgt. Emily Alley

Houses have burned down during deployments. Sudden hospitalizations, layoffs and other tragedies can cause financial strain. Resources are available - military specific grants and loans - which often require piles of paperwork.

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Piper, from Fuels, knew there had to be a simpler way to take care of people who don't have the luxury of several weeks to solve financial tragedies. He and Mark Mertel, a retired boom operator and base civilian employee, took the initiative to raise a local emergency fund for people with extreme and involuntary problems.

"We had a couple misfortunes," described Mertel, who listed unit members who'd had a recent house fire and hospitalizations. "We wanted a fund, not just for them, but for anyone who falls on hard times, family misfortunes."

Mertel and Piper raised money and suggested the golf tournament, with the idea that it could be an annual fundraiser.

"I'd been in the unit for 24 years, my boy's still in the unit," Mertel reflected. "It's a family thing."

"My thought was, this can also be fun," Piper added. "We can simplify this and play some golf."

Businesses, raffles, individuals and even several squadrons on base came together and raised about \$7,000 for an emergency fund.

Captain Penny Jamvold assisted in the fundraiser and helped create the criteria for requests. Because it's a local fund, rather than a state or federal account, they have flexibility in the application process.

"Every situation is unique," Jamvold described.

For that reason, the committee does not require a standard form, or an application. They arrange thorough in-person interviews, which also allows anonymity because there is no paper trail. The program is confidential and uses select criteria to determine urgency of need.

Recipients are also required to meet with a certified financial planner prior to receiving assistance from the fund.

They may also be required to provide receipts. For example, Jamvold uses the example of bills. If a family cannot pay a utility bill they must show the bill to the committee, who will pay the bill directly to the company.

As for the actual golf tournament, Jamvold said it had been a beautiful, perfect day. Not only were there generous financial donations, but several volunteers.

"I have great gratitude toward all the volunteers: Master Sgt. Tina Perkins, Staff Sgt. Joseph Bogie, Tech. Sgt. Dottie Westergren, Staff Sgt. Ana Tavares and her father," Jamvold mused, "They may never benefit from that fund, but they didn't care. They still helped create it."

Jamvold also commended Piper and Mertel, "Most of us see problems. We have ideas to solve it, but these people acted on those ideas."



Plan on being safe ... Not lucky

By Col Ron Krueger

190th Vice Wing Commander



Coyotes,

There are a lot of great things going on at the 190th. We've done an impressive job with last year's deployments and this year's recent inspections.

Either coming up soon or going on currently we have Automated Air Refueling testing, LAIRCM installation and testing, ASEV and ESOH Camp inspections, ECSS kickoff, and CE, Security Forces, Ops and Maintenance deployments. I am confident in our success because of the intentional planning and hard work we are doing to prepare for these events. We don't walk into any of this counting on good luck to carry us through. We plan ahead.

The wing has experienced 14 DUIs in the past two years. I'm

going to call this a lack of planning on the part of some of our members. The vast majority of these cases involve responsible, hard-working Airmen who just didn't have a good transportation plan before they took that first drink. And I shouldn't have to tell you that judgment doesn't improve after drinking. Fortunately, they didn't injure themselves or anyone else. Unfortunately, the folks getting caught make up only a small percentage of those engaging in this behavior.

We have plenty of regulations and guidance to keep everyone safe on base and we have a very impressive safety record. Once you are off the installation we are counting on you to look after yourself and your wingman. Driving drunk, driving fatigued, riding without a helmet or engaging in other unsafe behaviors can be prevented by taking a few minutes to think. Planning ahead and

assessing risks are habits everyone needs to practice and encourage. I'm asking you to do some intentional planning to improve your success and safety, on base and off.

We care about the health and welfare of all 190th members. You are a part of the Kansas Guard family and are extremely important to successful accomplishment of the mission. Each one of you is also extremely important to your own family and friends. The things we talk about and put on posters, things like wearing your protective gear to ride, not drinking and driving, not using electronic communication while driving, are statistically proven to greatly improve safety. Unsafe behaviors have consequences and you are not going to beat the statistics - unless you get lucky. Please plan ahead to have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you for serving.



From the Shirt First Five and Top Three: Use your voice!

MSgt Troy Abel, AMXS

Do you have an issue that you would like to be addressed with wing leadership or an idea you think would improve things at the 190th? Use our voice!

The First Five and Top Three Councils are designed to be collective voices for the enlisted force to wing leadership. These councils share a common goal of making the 190th a better place to work!

The First Five Council is made up of enlisted members with the rank of E-1 up to E-5 who are assigned as representatives from their work centers. The Top Three Council is made up of enlisted members who hold the rank of E-7 through E-9, assigned from each work center as well. Each council elects officers to run the council. You do not have to be an actual council member to attend meetings.

In fact, attendance is highly encouraged for all members at their respective councils.

Representatives from each council are charged with bringing forth issues from the Airmen in their work center. Unit members may also bring issues forth on their own by attending scheduled meetings and requesting an opportunity to address the council. These issues are discussed in council, and then taken directly to wing leadership with a proposed solution once deemed appropriate to do so.

Both councils are also heavily involved in planning, organizing, and executing activities throughout the wing. By ensuring that all of our wing functions are supported, the councils help to make our unit stronger. This also gives them a chance to get out, and let unit members see how much of an asset these councils can be.

The First Five and Top Three councils are your councils. They need your help. Attend a meeting, and talk to your representatives. If you do not talk to them, they cannot work for you. Use your voice to make our unit better!

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A participant in the first annual Coyote Open lines up a put. The golf tournament was held on October 1 at Western Hills in Topeka.
(photo by Staff Sgt. Jake Meyer)

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Services opens dining hall after renovation

By Tech. Sgt. Emily Alley

190th Public Affairs

Big white-boxed lunches made their next to the last scheduled appearance at Forbes Field during October drill. During November, the renovated dining hall's ribbon cutting is planned to officially welcome members back to a Thanksgiving meal.

Even the name will be changed, said Master Sgt. Alike Peterson, from Sustainment Services Flight; it will be called the Coyote Grill.

"I've really appreciated using Maintenance's offices," she discussed working out of hanger 662, "but I'm ready to move back."

The most striking change, according to Peterson, is the outdoor seating. The traffic flow is streamlined, more natural lighting will spill from skylights, the kitchen is larger, and additions have grown freezer and locker space.

"It's very energy efficient with heating and cooling," she added.

As the new name reflects, the entire space is designed to avoid a historically sterile looking military dining area. It's not even a cafeteria, as much as comfortable restaurant.

"It's more welcoming," described Senior Master Sgt. Mike Akers, Sustain-



190th members enjoy a box lunch in the newly renovated outdoor seating area of the Coyote Grill during the October UTA. The facility will officially open for its first meal during the November UTA. Photo by: Tech Sgt. Emily Alley

ment Services superintendent. "I try to influence my staff to take pride in what they're doing. This design allows us to do that- quick, hot, fresh food."

The kitchen has new, updated equipment in a better layout. Practical design, like well-placed water spouts, allow more sanitary water that doesn't have to be hosed in. Distinct cooking areas can multitask in the efficient kitchen.

In the dining area, a fresh new paint smell lingered and the dusty floor was still bare and carpet free on October drill. A bare, beamed ceiling and round metal light fixtures mimic aircraft engines and a mural depicting the 190th's history will line the walls in a portion of the seating area.

"We're excited," said Tech. Sgt. Jessica Miles. "I just hope no one spills anything."

Airfield inspection complete

By Tech. Sgt. Emily Alley

190th Public Affairs

While the rest of the unit was exhaling from a round of recent inspections, the Operations Group had one last inspection left.

"We came through ok." announced Senior Master Sgt. Rob Bolin.

Bolin actually finished with one write-up out of 250. The write-up was a minor issue - equipment that had been left on the ramp past a removal deadline. When the unit was last inspected, three years ago, Bolin recalls

nine write-ups.

"You learn something in each inspection, but this time I think we set the bar pretty high," he concluded.

Since Bolin shares the airfield with the civilian airport next door, his area of responsibility was largely limited to the parking ramp. Inspectors asked a few questions about grass around the runway, and signage, but the DOD has variations of rules from the Federal Aviation Administration. Bolin mentioned that the wing has an excellent relationship with the civilian airport.

"They are truly cooperative. They

even asked me, afterward, how the inspection went," Bolin reflected with a smile.

One area that received exceptional recognition from inspectors was the base driving program, managed by Tech. Sgt. Bernadine Eastridge. She was responsible for about 500 drivers, half the base population. The program was called "exceptional, comprehensive and well-managed" by inspectors.

"We can always improve," Bolin concluded. "But with one problem we're very close to where we need to be."

The Desert: Part four

By Master Sgt. (Ret) Bill Gilliland
190th Historian

The war went on for only 38 days, but the pace was such that many Airmen who went through it can only remember it as a sort of blur, with certain moments standing out.

That is easy to understand when you look at the final totals for those 38 days: 16,959.6 total tanker flying hours; 3,496 sorties with an average of 4.9 hours per sortie; and 81.3 hours of tanker flying time per each 24-hour day. 241,452,700 pounds of jet fuel was offloaded during this time. Totals almost beyond belief. It was a combined effort from everyone stationed at Jeddah. Guard, Reserve and active duty Airmen can be proud of what they accomplished.

Five days after the ground war started, it was all but over. The cease fire was called, and while it was still 24/7, the flying and refueling was reduced to a shadow of what it was just a few days earlier.

Restrictions were lifted, and life at the compounds was nearly back to normal. But it didn't take long for the members of the 190th to get restless. They had been away from home now for more than two months, and without the war to keep them busy, they soon became homesick. Even the good news of the war's end could not console them.

Rumors became popular, and all sorts of news seemed to be in the air. Ramadan would soon be coming, and the Saudis

were also restless. So when Col. Charles "Mick" Baier, 1701st Strategic Air Refueling Wing (Provisional) commander and 190th member, called the 190th together on the evening March 11 the expectations were high. Col. Baier did not disappoint.

He said that since they were the first to arrive at Jeddah, they would be the first to leave. They were to return home in three days. Three days! Cheers rang out, and the men and women of the 190th finally had something to celebrate. It got even better when he told them they would arrive in Topeka on March 14, and that there would be a local welcome home party.

But first, the Saudis hosted a farewell party. And what a party it was. It was held in a large hall used for weddings by wealthy Saudis. The hall had a chandelier in the foyer that was at least 10 feet tall and 12 feet across. After the usual speeches and presentations, a laser light show was presented to the delight of all who saw it.

Later, the guests were led outside to a garden with long tables of meats, rice, vegetable dishes, fruits and elaborate desserts. After weeks of compound food, it was delicious! There were even tables of traditional Saudi food, which some of the more adventurous of the 190th tried.

Early the next morning, loading the tankers commenced and the process of returning home got underway. For the next two days, the packing and loading of jets was the first priority of 190th members.

Col. Baier said they would arrive in Topeka in formation at 3 p.m., 10 tankers flying over the Kansas State Capitol and the city of Topeka, then landing at Forbes Field to a welcoming crowd. Many wondered if he could pull it off. After all, it was a long trip with a refueling stop, and it would require joining up over the Atlantic.

Could it be done? No one was sure, but everyone was eager to get home.

The 190th departed Jeddah early on March 14, and had an uneventful trip to Moron, Spain. Things got a little iffy there when a starter shaft on one of the tankers broke. The decision was made to leave it behind until repairs could be made, but that was like throwing down a challenge to the maintainers of the 190th. They had it fixed in no time, and the late tanker quickly caught up to the rest of the formation over the Atlantic.

Chief Wilson, in the lead jet, could see the other tankers gradually forming up. "It was beautiful," he said.

Lt. Col. Dillon recalled, "As we entered the United States, each of the aircraft was leaving a big contrail. We flew right over the top of Chicago. As airliners would ask about the large formation of aircraft, the air traffic controllers would say, 'That's the Kansas Air National Guard, they are coming home from Saudi.' The airliners would patriotically reply 'Great job, Kansas, Welcome home.'"

Only a few minutes after 3 p.m., just as Col. Baier had promised, the 10 KC-135s of the Kansas Air National Guard flew over the Kansas State Capitol and the city of Topeka. Hundreds were waving from below, a sight that would surprise even the most ardent 190th supporter.

What they did not know was just how hard the rest of the 190th and its Family Support Group had worked to make this a very special day. Even the National Guard Bureau had sent Lt. Gen. Phillip Killey, director of the Air National Guard. A crowd of up to 10,000 people came to Forbes Field to welcome home the Kansas Coyotes. The base had put out hundreds of small American flags, which became immediate souvenirs, and the crowd was waving them like crazy. Several high school bands added to the festivities, and the music served to excite the crowd even more.

But most exciting was the sight



The Desert: Part four cont.

of the 190th tankers as they appeared on the horizon. At first, it was just the landing lights that could be seen, but soon, each set of three tankers was visible. Soon the first three were overhead, and the jet noise and crowd noise was just tremendous. Next came the second set of three, and the noise just got louder. The last set of three was soon overhead and again the noise got even louder. It was almost sad to see the last tanker come in alone, but that soon faded as the first of the tankers peeled off to make its landing approach. Soon there were others coming around, and the excitement got even greater.

In a few moments, the lead tanker with Col. Baier at the controls touched down on Forbes Field. The landing took the aircraft over a slight rise in the runway, and for a few minutes, no one could see any of the jets. They must have stopped and waited a few minutes for all to join up on the taxiway, because when they came into sight again, they were all in a line and proceeding to their parking spots.

What a site it was, 10 KC-135s all

in a row, taxiing down the ramp, many with American flags displayed out windows, doorways, and even the sextant porthole at the top of the cabin. The crowd went nuts.

Families had been given the tail number of the jet their loved one was on, and they began to form into groups in anticipation of meeting them. Security police had a difficult time holding them back until engines were shut down, and as soon as that happened, the surge was on. People rushed to the respective jet in search of their family member, and as they emerged from the big jet, tears and shouts of joy rang out all up and down the ramp.

What a day it was! Never to be forgotten by those who were there. It was incredible. You could actually feel the excitement in the air. It was a day for the record books, maybe never to be repeated again.



Welcome home Coyotes!

About this series: Retired Chief Roger Wilson and retired Maj. Shelly Sweeney both made major contributions to this article. Chief Wilson wrote his own excellent history of the 190th in the desert that was published in the 1993 yearbook, which was dedicated to the Gulf War. Major Sweeney who was at that time, Tech. Sgt. Shelly Buck, served as the unit historian during the later phase of the war and did a wonderful job of collecting articles, interviews and artifacts, and by writing an especially good history of that period. One more thing, the NCO mentioned in a caption in a part two picture was Master Sgt. Bob Davis.

-- Bill

Fifty saves in one year

By Tech. Sgt. Emily Alley
190th Public Affairs

Friends of Forbes, the DUI prevention program at Forbes Field, celebrated its one-year anniversary in October. Senior Master Sgt. Rob Bolin, the program manager and co-founder, announced 50 saves in the first year. Each anonymous call for the service is referred to as a "save" because it could potentially prevent legal issues, an accident, or even death from driving drunk.

The program closed the year having raised more than \$1,500 - half if it has been spent on cab rides. Bolin was grateful at the support of several organizations on base, which held fundraisers at a few events throughout the year.

"It's been well worth it," concluded Bolin, who added he'd been approached by several people who had used the service and wanted to thank him.

The DUI prevention program prior to Friends of Forbes relied on volunteers. Unfortunately, it was rarely used. The problem, explained Tech Sgt. Stacy Whitlock, president of the

First Five Counsel, when she first began the program one year ago was that no one wanted to ask a supervisor for a ride home.

Anonymity, she concluded, was the way to encourage people to use the service. Individuals call into the base command post (785-861-HOME) who will simply ask for a name to confirm the rider is a unit member. The command post will not release the names of riders - even to commanders. All that are reported are numbers.

"No matter the reason, they need to get home safe," said Bolin.

The program is intended to be a last resort for drinkers who have responsibly planned a ride home, but for whatever reason are left without options to get home. Obviously, since it's anonymous, Bolin has few ways to check for abuse. He's been asked about members who may use the program, rather than designate their own sober driver. However, Bolin isn't concerned at this point because he feels the program is doing its job.

One of the goals for the next year is to expand the service to Lawrence, since it is still limited to the city of Topeka.

—Portrait of an Airman

Senior Airman Erin Bieganski

Organization: 190th Force Support Squadron

Job Title: Personnel Specialist

Main Responsibilities: DEERS eligibility, customer service

Civilian Career: Dental hygienist

Education: Associate's degree in dental assisting and dental hygiene

Military Experience: 5 years active duty; 1998-2003 as a dental tech

Hobbies & Activities: Outdoors, reading, family, hunting, swimming, exercising

Goals & Ambitions: Acquire bachelor's degree, achieve the highest rank in my military career, then retire.

Most Memorable 190th Moment: Being sworn in again by Capt. Wehrli with all my peers in Personnel.



Wing earns community recognition

By Tech. Sgt. Angela Brees

190th Public Affairs

The 190th Air Refueling Wing recently added another award to its trophy case – Award for Collaborative Excellence from Community Action, Inc.

At the annual meeting of Community Action, Inc., the organization presented the award to wing representatives Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Bullington and Master Sgt. James Foresman, 190th Maintenance Squadron, Thursday, Oct. 14. The award is in recognition of the 2,600 notebooks and 3,000 folders the unit donated for their annual Back-to-School Fair. This is the third year the wing has supported the school supply fair.

“The 190th Air Refueling Wing has become a valued partner over the past few years in providing school supplies,” the organization stated in its annual report. “...Because of the Air Refueling Wing’s generosity, the agency was able to provide school supplies to area

students who might not otherwise have received them. [We] salute the 190th ARW for everything it does for people around the world ... and for those closer to home, too.”

Foresman, who helped coordinate this year’s event and deliver the donation, feels the wing has an obligation to be active in the local community.

“The community gives so much to us, it’s only right we give back as much as we can,” he said.

Bullington agreed.

“It’s the right thing to do – to be involved in your community. As a member of the Guard, you have to be committed,” Bullington said. “Being at the award

ceremony, it was really an eye-opening event of how many programs are available to people and how much help is needed. I encourage everyone to get involved.”

Bullington and Foresman presented the award to Wing Commander Col. Keith Lang Sunday, Oct. 17, during the Unit Training Assembly.



Master Sgt. James Foresman (center) shows off the community award he received on behalf of the 190th. Also pictured are Col. Keith Lang, wing commander (Left) and Col. Ron Krueger, vice commander (Right). Photo by: Tech. Sgt. Emily Alley

For Your Information

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First Sergeant Vacancy Medical Group

Submit application packet to Chief Master Sgt Ivan Perez (FSS) on behalf of CCM Saunders by COB 20 Dec. 2010.

Application package must include a current RIP, resume and cover letter. Applicants must have a passing fitness assessment and have a 41 administrative or 62 general ASVAB score.

Individuals submitting a packet for consideration must be a Master Sergeant or promotable Tech. Sergeant.

**Don't forget to vote on
November 2nd!**



Appointments/Enlistments

AB Jacob A. Masters, MXS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 31 Aug 2010

AB Sebastian I. Adame, CES
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 19 Sep 2010

SrA Jarrod A. Brunkow, CES
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 12 Aug 2010

SrA Phillip L. Mann, MXS
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 13 Aug 2010

Maj Shayna M. Fishel, JFHQ
Enlistment/Assignment Date: 21 Sep 2010



Coyote Grill November UTA Menu

Thursday & Friday 4-5 November

Box Lunches

Saturday 6 November

Prime Rib / Roasted Turkey / Baked Ham

Shrimp Cocktail

Mashed Potatoes

Rice Pilaf

Dressing

Turkey Gravy

Assorted Vegetables

Salad

Dinner Rolls

Sunday 7 November

Lemon Herb Chicken / Turkey Tetrazzini

Mashed Potatoes

White Rice

Assorted Vegetables

Salad

Dinner Rolls



Staff Sgt. Colby Kloepper is coordinating the sale of souvenir patches in support of breast cancer awareness.

All proceeds will be donated

to local cancer organizations. The patches are being sold for \$6.00.

Contact SSgt Kloepper or Capt. Penny Jamvold to purchase.

NO UTA IN DECEMBER!

Due to the 4-day UTA in November there will not be a December UTA. See you in January - Happy Holidays!

Dining Facility Schedule

The following list is the Dining Facility meal schedule for units assigned to the 190th ARW & JFHQ:

1100 - LRS, JFHQ, SFS, CES, WEA, MDG

1130 - MXG, MXS, OG, 117 ARS, FSS

1200 - HQ, AMXS, MSG

Hotel of the Month

Singles - Capitol Plaza

Singles pay - Ramada Inn

Doubles - Holidome/Comfort Inn

Friday night - Hyatt Place

All reservation requests must be submitted to FSS by 1000 on Saturday of the UTA.

Wing Commander's Call in Nov.

There will be a Wing Commander's Call on Friday, Nov. 5 at 8 a.m. Family members are invited to attend.

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Coyote Heritage



Of all of the different jobs that Kansas Coyotes have performed over the years, it would seem that the most unlikely to occur would be to participate in extra-high altitude research. After all, we are a refueling wing, right?

In addition to refueling, the 190th has supported many other U.S. government programs, including the U-2. In fact, until just a few years ago, we maintained a separate fuel supply just for the U-2 program. Forbes Field was chosen to support the U-2 program because of location, facilities, willingness to do the job, and a little bit of luck.

In 1985, NASA was looking for a place in the Midwest to use as a satellite base for one of their U-2s, Forbes was chosen for all of the aforementioned reasons. Lt Terry Fritz signed a document agreeing to a operational plan. NASA would provide most of the funding and specialized equipment; the 190th would provide facilities and manpower. Even before this agreement, there had been a short-term, and unexpected, deployment of the U-2 to Forbes in 1982 for some atmospheric testing of an unknown, invisible cloud encircling the northern hemisphere. An interesting item of history, but so what? Well, the rest of the story, as they say, is even more interesting.

This wasn't the first time the 190th and the U-2 crossed paths. It seems that a former jet that the 190th had spent many years flying, also had the capacity to fly at extra-high altitudes. In fact, there are many stories that are part of unit history, where the B-57, more specifically, the RB-57, flew many of the same types of missions, the more famous U-2 was used for. The best documented of those were the RB-57 missions, originally slated for the U-2, flown out of Christmas Island, as part of testing of nuclear devices that the U.S. conducted during the Cold War. You can find that story online in our archive of past Coyotes Logs. There are other stories, less well documented, of other times the 117th/190th had crossed paths with the U-2 maybe we can tell those stories to you sometime in the future.



Please record your story and send it to the historian's office at: 190th Historian, 5920 SE Coyote Dr., Topeka, KS 66619-5370.



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